

MINUTES

OF THE

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

TELEPHONE MEETING

JULY 23, 2004

WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The telephone meeting of the Natural Resource Commission was called to order by Chairperson Francisco at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2004 at the Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joan Schneider
Carol Kramer
Richard Kim Francisco
Paul Christiansen
Janice Marcantonio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Randy Duncan
William Sullivan

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Kramer to approve the July 23, 2004 NRC agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVED

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Basil Nimry, Bureau Chief, Engineering and Realty Services, presented the following item.

Bids were opened June 22, 2004 for the following projects:

Clear Lake State Park, Cerro Gordo Co. - Office and Service Building

This project consists of the construction of a standard post and beam, approximately 80' x 40', office and service building as shown on the drawings as well as related work as required by the Plans and DNR Construction Inspector. Alternate is to provide "V" grooved, vertical 1" x 6" red cedar tongue and groove, instead of gypsum wallboard, for interior wall finish in the Office and Meeting/Project Room spaces and matching red cedar baseboard and trim and apply finish. Project is budgeted in Restore the Outdoors funds. DNR estimate is \$300,000. Fifteen sets of plans were requested. Three bids were received.

Northland Construction & Supply Co. Inc.	Northwood, IA	\$272,139.75	w/Alt.: \$275,139.75
Holland Contracting Corp.	Forest City, IA	\$309,998.60	w/Alt.: \$315,198.60
Todd Hanson, dba Hanson Const.	Clear Lake, IA	\$314,572.40	w/Alt.: \$318,772.40

Staff recommends award of contract with Alternate to Northland Construction & Supply Co., Inc., low bidder.

Motion was made by Commissioner Christiansen to approve the low bid of Northland Construction & Supply Co., Inc. of Northwood, Iowa, with alternate, in the amount of \$275,139.75, for office and service building construction at Clear Lake State Park in Cerro Gordo County. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

Palisades Kepler State Park, Linn Co. - Renovation of Four CCC Cabins

This project consists of the renovation of 4 CCC era cabins, some concrete and the replacement of a septic system as shown on the drawings and incidental work as required by the Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. This project is budgeted in Restore the Outdoors funds. DNR estimate is \$260,000. Seven sets of plans were requested. One bid was received.

Vieco Dev. & Construction Co., Inc.	St. Joseph, MO	\$254,326.00
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Staff recommends award of contract to Vieco Development & Construction Co., Inc..

Motion was made by Commissioner Kramer to approve the bid of Vieco Development & Construction Co., Inc. of St. Joseph, Missouri in the amount of \$254,326.00 for renovation of four CCC cabins at Palisades Kepler State Park in Linn County. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

Lake of Three Fires State Park, Taylor Co. - Sediment Basins and Structures

This project consists of the construction of compacted earth sediment basins, water control structures and incidental work as required by Plans and the DNR Construction Inspector. Project is budgeted 75% EPA 319 and 25% Lake Restoration funds. NRCS estimate was \$170,000. DNR estimate is \$294,000. Twenty-three plan sets were requested. Three bids were received.

Roger D. Stewart, dba Rogers Repair & Supply	Stanton, IA	\$238,585.07
Schuelke, Inc.	Bedford, IA	\$264,293.38
Saxton, Inc.	Leon, IA	\$293,273.90

Staff recommends award of contract to Roger D. Stewart, dba Rogers Repair & Supply.

Motion was made by Commissioner Marcantonio to approve the low bid of Roger D. Stewart, dba Rogers Repair & Supply of Stanton, Iowa, in the amount of \$238,585.07 for sediment basins and structures at Lake of Three Fires State Park in Taylor County. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER WATERFOWL SEASONS

Michael Brandrup, Administrator, Conservation and Recreation Division, presented the following item.

The Commission is requested to approve the dates for September duck and Canada goose seasons. Dates for the September duck season shall be September 18 through 22, 2004 in the north zone and September 25 and 26, 2004 in the south zone. The September goose season in the Cedar Rapids and Des Moines urban zones will be September 1-15, 2004 and September 11-12, 2004 in the north goose zone.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to approve the dates for September waterfowl seasons. Seconded by Commissioner Christiansen.

Terry Little related that while the duck population may be down some, it is expected that the Fish and Wildlife Service will recommend no change in the duck season. It will probably be similar to what was approved for last year.

Motion carried unanimously.

WATERFOWL SEASONS APPROVED

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION DONATION

Michael Brandrup, Administrator, Conservation and Recreation Division, presented the following item.

The donation is the use of a boat for boating enforcement in the Dickinson County lakes region.

The donation comes from the Iowa Great Lakes Water Safety Council, P.O. Box 232, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360-0232 and a contact person for the council would be Phil Petersen, Board Member,

The Water Safety Council estimates the value of this donation at \$55,000. The boat will remain titled to the Water Safety Council but would be made available for our use in our patrol efforts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kramer to approve the donation. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

DONATION APPROVED

Director Vonk commented that the donation of the use of the boat helps clear up any perceptions of conflict and will increase our ability to do a better job in the Great Lakes.

AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF STORM LAKE AND CITY OF EMMETSBURG

Michael Brandrup, Administrator, Conservation and Recreation Division, presented the following item.

Approval is requested for the Department of Natural Resources Department to enter into an agreement with the city of Storm Lake and the city of Emmetsburg. The purpose is to continue lake dredging operations at Storm Lake (Buena Vista County) and Five Island Lake (Palo Alto County). These projects are being funded through the State Environment First Fund. Each city is responsible for providing 1–1 match for these dollars. The city of Storm Lake is requesting up to \$300,000 and the city of Emmetsburg up to \$50,000 in matching funds.

The city of Storm Lake is developing a dredging plan that will require six to ten years to complete. The city of Emmetsburg is in the final stages of their dredging project and anticipate completion in two to three years.

We recommend that the Department enter into an agreement with the city of Storm Lake and also the city of Emmetsburg for their respective dredging projects.

Commissioner Schneider asked about the department's stance regarding a possible housing development off the lake with water access.

Director Vonk replied that he is not aware of a plan or seen any proposals, but the department must deal with all the riparian and wetland issues associated with that kind of activity. He added that with the department's proposed rulemaking on docks and exemptions, that hopefully we will be allowed more discretion with regard to environmental and economic impacts on developments of that type, both directly on the lake as well as in the uplands and wetlands.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to enter into an agreement with the city of Storm Lake and the city of Emmetsburg in order to continue lake dredging operations at Storm Lake (Buena Vista County) and Five Island Lake (Palo Alto County). Seconded by Commissioner Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT APPROVED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Francisco commented that he attended the Wildlife Diversity Program last week. He said that it was excellent and hopefully information needed to complete the plan was received.

Director Vonk reported that the REAP Congress held at the Capitol last weekend was very successful. He said one of the legislative changes being looked at is to ask that the license plate money generated through the sale of REAP plates be assigned back to the counties where the

plates are purchased. This gives the counties more incentive to generate sales of plates. Director Vonk went on to say that the future of REAP depends on the local support so we are trying to figure out ways to revitalize the local county committees. There was no change in formula made at the Congress.

NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be held in Forest City on August 12. Tour arrangements are being made with the local folks in Hancock County. Following the tour on Wednesday, commissioners and staff will go to Eagle Lake for a barbeque.

ADJOURNMENT

<i>The July 15, 2004 NRC telephone meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.</i>

Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director

Richard (Kim) Franciso, Chairperson

Janice Marcantonio, Secretary

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